

A Resolution

NO. _____

CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 7, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, ELEVEN (11) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2016, the City Council of the City of Fort Worth adopted Ordinance No. 22081-02-2016, ordering a special election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, for the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2016, a special election was held at which the qualified voters of the City had the opportunity to vote for the purpose of adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 67, of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of the City of Fort Worth is required to canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH:

SECTION 1. That the findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct; and shall be made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby finds and declares that a special election regarding the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth was held on May 7, 2016, at which election qualified voters were given the opportunity to vote for adoption or rejection of proposed amendments to the existing charter of the City of Fort Worth.

SECTION 3. That the City Council further finds that the returns for such elections are as follows:

PROPOSITION 1

Shall Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter III and Section 2 of Chapter IV and other sections referencing the term of office for the City Council in the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the current two (2) year terms for the City Council to three (3) year terms starting with the 2017 general election?

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PROPOSITION 2

Shall Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the Chapter III and Section 3 of Chapter IV and other sections referencing the number of council members in the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the number of City Council members from nine (9) to eleven (11) members, one of which is the Mayor, beginning with the first election following the 2020 census and adoption of the new redistricting map by the City Council and to maintain the quorum at two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the City Council?

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PROPOSITION 3

Shall Section 3 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to increase the compensation of council members from the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) per year to forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) per year and the compensation of the mayor from twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) per year to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) per year starting October 1, 2016?

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PROPOSITION 4

If Proposition 1 is approved by the voters, shall Section 4 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to allow a majority of the City Council to appoint a qualified person from the district whose place has been vacated to serve the unexpired term if the vacancy occurs twelve (12) months or less prior to the end of an unexpired term?

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PROPOSITION 5

Shall the first paragraph of Section 5 of Chapter III of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide that the newly-elected City Council members may be sworn in at the same meeting at which the election results are canvassed provided the meeting is held within the City limits of Fort Worth?

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PROPOSITION 6

Shall Sections 1 and 3 of Chapter IV of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that a person seeking election to the City Council must have resided in the district for which he or she seeks election for 180 days prior to the first allowed filing date for the election?

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PROPOSITION 7

Shall Chapter VII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to add a new section to provide that municipal judges will be appointed and may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the City Council?

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PROPOSITION 8

Shall Section 2 of Chapter X of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to provide for budget hearings, adoption and publication of the budget, appropriation ordinance, and tax levy ordinance in accordance with state law?

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PROPOSITION 9

Shall Section 6 of Chapter XX of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to clarify that when competing ordinances are presented to the voters at an election the ordinance that receives the highest number of favorable votes prevails?

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PROPOSITION 10

Shall Chapter XXVII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to add Section 21 to provide for electronic and other web based publications and notices as a substitute for newspaper publications where allowed by State law?

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PROPOSITION 11

Shall Section 8 of Chapter III and Section 7 of Chapter XXVII of the Fort Worth City Charter be amended to eliminate the provisions in each section that are in conflict with State and Federal law?

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SECTION 4. The City Council further finds that such returns are correct, and adopts them as the returns of the special election held on May 7, 2016, together with the tabulation of the total number of votes received in each precinct.

SECTION 5. The City Council finds that Propositions 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 be declared adopted by the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth City Charter shall be amended to reflect the above adopted Propositions. If council terms are longer than two years, state law allows a council seat that is vacant to be filled by a majority of the City Council, provided the seat will be vacant 12 months or less prior to the next election. Since Proposition 1 to increase the two-year council terms failed, Proposition 4 will not be implemented.

SECTION 6. It is officially found and determined that the meeting of the Fort Worth City Council, at which this Resolution was adopted, was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 7. That this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption on this 17th day of May, 2016.

Betsy Price, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Sarah J. Fullenwider, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

